

### Aboriginal Education Cultural Resources

The District Resource Centre provides schools with a wide variety of Aboriginal Resources from picture books, novels, lesson plans, history books, ethnobotany & science units, DVD's, and numerous kits to support classroom learning.

There are Aboriginal content resources available from early learning to secondary level.

### Aboriginal Education Role Models

The Aboriginal Education Department staff assist schools in coordinating Coast Salish & local role models for classroom sessions that support curriculum and local history and culture.

Victoria Native Friendship Centre and Royal BC Museum provides 'First Peoples Box of Treasure's' program.

Métis grade four program starting in November 2011/2012. 'New' Métis secondary series starting in 2013.

### Aboriginal Education Newsletter

The Aboriginal Education Department circulates seasonal newsletters updating families on department and school news. The newsletter features examples student artwork, creative writing and much more.

### Aboriginal Education Parent Consent

#### Parents and/or Guardians:

If you do **NOT** wish for your child to be involved in any of the Aboriginal programs listed in this brochure, we will require a written letter from you requesting that your child/children not be involved. Please forward the letter to your school office.

#### Parent / Guardian Signature:

Yes, I have read and would like services for my child and/or children

**RETURN TO THE SCHOOL.**



### Aboriginal Education Sooke School District #62 Parent Consent Letter

To Parents and/or Guardians of:

(add student name or names)

Sooke School District #62 Aboriginal Education Department provides a variety of services to enhance Aboriginal Student learning. These services and funding are provided by the Ministry of Education and School District level to enhance learning academically and culturally in schools.

The School Registration Form self identifies Aboriginal Ancestry and provides opportunity for Aboriginal Education Services. This form explains many of the services available to Aboriginal Students.

## Aboriginal Education District Events



Na'tsa'maht, at

The Aboriginal Department hosts three district level events to connect schools and Aboriginal families.

### Family Fall Gathering

Date: Wednesday September 25, 2013  
Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm  
Location: Scia'new First Nation longhouse

### Celebrating Student Success

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014  
Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm  
Location: Edward Milne Community School

### Recognition Grad Ceremony

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2014  
Time: 1:00pm to 4:00 pm  
Location: Camosun College

## Aboriginal Education Academic & Cultural Support

All schools have an Aboriginal Education Support Worker assisting students directly in the classroom, providing academic support and/or cultural opportunities. All services are provided directly in classrooms.

## Aboriginal Education Literacy & Cultural Support Teachers

Some schools receive cultural and academic instruction by an itinerant teacher in the area of literacy and connecting Aboriginal content to classroom learning. All services are provided directly in classrooms.



John Muir student artwork

## Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement

The following goals were developed by the district and community to improve Aboriginal student achievement.

### Goals

**Sense of Belonging** To increase Aboriginal students' sense of place, belonging and caring.

**Aboriginal Ways of Knowing** To increase awareness and understanding of Aboriginal ways of knowing in both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

**Language** To increase knowledge of Aboriginal languages by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

**Achievement** To enhance the achievement and success of Aboriginal students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in academics as well as training for trades and life skills.

An Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement annual reports are available on the district website.